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COMPENSATION TO FARMERS OF WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is providing assistance to the Government of West Bengal for compensating the farmers for the losses suffered by them for sale of their paddy at lower price;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to extend the same facility to the farmers of other States also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): The Central Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy each year to ensure remunerative price to the farmers throughout the country including West Bengal. The Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the State Agencies during each marketing season organize purchase operations at Minimum Support Price so as to prevent distress sale.